**Sale of Children by Poor Parents**

123. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been seized of incidents of sale of children, including new born, by poverty stricken parents in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of such instances taken note of, year-wise during the last three years;

(c) the details of actions taken, if any, based thereon;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of substantive steps contemplated, if any, by Government for providing social security to the children, particularly in those areas which stand identified as stricken by acute poverty, in order that children are not sold for money by their parents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) (a) to (d) Incidents of alleged sale of children in some parts of the country are sometimes highlighted by the media. Whenever such incidents have come to the notice of the Government, the Ministry of Women and Child Development, in consultation with the concerned State Government, have initiated action.

(e) The Ministry of Women and Child Development has formulated a new schemes titled "Integrated Child Protection Scheme [ICPS]" which aims to put in place a comprehensive protective environment for children across the country.

**Crime against women and children**

†124. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of incidents of crime against women and children in various parts of the country has been relatively higher during the East year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government are taking any concrete steps to check crimes against women and children or enacting any new law; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a)As per National Crime Bureau (NCRB), under Ministry of Home Affairs, the State and UT wise umber of cases registered and Rate of Crime for the offences of crimes committed against women and children during 2003 to 2005 are enclosed at Statement-I & II respectively. *(See* below) A total of 140601, 154333 and 155553 cases of crime against women were reported in the country during 2003 to 2005 showing a slightly rising trend. The crime rate of offences against women during the same period was 13.2, 14.2 and 14.1 respectively. A total of 11633,14423 and 14975 cases of crime against children with crime rates 1.1, 1.3 and 1,4 were reported in the country during 2003 to 2005 respectively. Thus, both the incidence and rate of crime against children have shown a marginally increasing trend during 2003 to 2005.

(b) Enclosed at Statement-I and II *(See* below)

(c) As law and order is a State subject, Ministry of Home Affairs, from time to time issues advisories to all the State Governments/Union Territories Administrations, requesting them to give more focused attention on improving the criminal justice system, with a view to ensure prevention of atrocities against all vulnerable section of society, including women and children.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) is undertaking awareness generation sensitization and advocacy programmes for various stakeholders such as policy, judiciary prosecutors, medical officers, PRI representatives etc., on various issues relating to crimes against women and children.

The 'Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006' has been enacted in January, 2007. In addition a Bill on the prevention and redressal of sexual harassment of women at workplace is under consideration.

This Ministry is also considering a proposal for enactment of a legislation on Offences against Children (Prevention) Bill 2007 in consultation with Law Ministry. Amendments to Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act 1956 are under process where by more stringent penalties are imposed on traffickers.

(d) Does not arise.

***Statement-I***

*Cases Registered (Rg) And Rate Of Crime* (Rt) For The Crimes Committed Against Women During 2003 To 2005*

| SI. No. | State/Ut | 7003 | | ?004 | | 2005 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | RG | RT | RG | RT | RG | RT |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 18382 | 23.6 | 18921 | 24.0 | 20819 | 26.1 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 139 | 12.3 | 148 | 12.9 | 150 | 12.9 |
| 3. | Assam | 5312 | 19.2 | 5700 | 20.2 | 6027 | 21.0 |
| 4. | Bihar | 5900 | 6.8 | 8091 | 9.2 | 6019 | 6.7 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 3336 | 15.4 | 3763 | 17.0 | 3599 | 15.9 |
| 6. | Goa | 121 | 8.5 | 132 | 9.0 | 121 | 8.0 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 5735 | 10.9 | 6211 | 11.6 | 6343 | 11.7 |
| 8. | Haryana | 4170 | 18.9 | 4276 | 19.1 | 4161 | 18.3 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 729 | 11.7 | 823 | 13.0 | 793 | 12.4 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 2164 | 20.2 | 2208 | 20.0 | 2144 | 18.9 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 2488 | 8.9 | 2490 | 8.8 | 2544 | 8.8 |
| 12. | Karnataka | 5834 | 10.7 | 5423 | 9.9 | 6057 | 10.9 |
| 13. | Kerala | 5653 | 17.3 | 6483 | 19.7 | 6762 | 20.3 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 14547 | 23.0 | 15203 | 23.5 | 14529 | 22.0 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 11273 | 11.2 | 12169 | 12.0 | 13370 | 13.0 |
| 16. | Manipur | 137 | 5.5 | 134 | 5.3 | 140 | 5.5 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 69 | 2.9 | 113 | 4.7 | 131 | 5.3 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 147 | 15.9 | 91 | 9.7 | 95 | 10.0 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 25 | 1.2 | 30 | 1.4 | 37 | 1.7 |
| 20. | Orissa | 4946 | 13.1 | 5239 | 13.7 | 6249 | 16.1 |
| 21. | Punjab | 2375 | 9.5 | 1955 | 7.7 | 1969 | 7.6 |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 11812 | 19.9 | 13127 | 21.7 | 11657 | 18.9 |
| 23. | Sikkim. | 37 | 6.6 | 49 | 8.6 | 62 | 10.8 |
| 24 | Tamil Nadu | 8888 | 14.0 | 9332 | 14.5 | 8648 | 13.3 |
| 25. | Tripura | 537 | 16.3 | 670 | 20.0 | 840 | 24.8 |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 12840 | 7.4 | 15485 | 8.7 | 14875 | 8.2 |
| 27. | Uttaranchal | 886 | 10.0 | 988 | 11.0 | 786 | 8.6 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 8508 | 103 | 11047 | 13.2 | 11887 | 14.0 |
| | TOTAL (States): | 136990 | 13.0 | 150301 | 14.1 | 150814 | 13.9 |
| 29. | A&N Islands | 22 | 5.9 | 27 | 7.1 | 22 | 5.7 |
| 30. | Chandigarh | 159 | 16.6 | 188 | 19.3 | 205 | 20.5 |
| 31. | D&N Haveli | 13 | 5.6 | 22 | 9.2 | 24 | 9.8 |
| 32. | Daman & Diu | 10 | 6.0 | 7 | 4.1 | 10 | 5.7 |
| 33. | Delhi | 3282 | 22.1 | 3677 | 24.1 | 4351 | 27.6 |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | 4 | 6.3 | 1 | 1.6 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 35. | Pondicherry | 121 | 12.0 | 110 | 10.8 | 127 | 12.3 |
| | TOTAL (Uts): | 3611 | 20.5 | 4032 | 22.2 | 4739 | 25.4 |
| | TOTAL (All-India): | 140601 | 13.2 | 154333 | 14.2 | 15555 | 14.1 |

SOURCE: Crime In India

NOTE: 'Rate of crime indie ates No.of crimes per one lakh of population

***Statement-II***

*Cases Registered (Rg) And Rate Of Crime* (Rt) For The Crimes Committed Against Children During 2003 To 2005*

| SI. No. | State/ut | 2003 | | 2004 | | 2005 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | RG | RT | RG | RT | RG | RT |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 1463 | 1.9 | 1328 | 1.7 | 950 | 1.2 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 18 | 1.6 | 22 | 1.9 | 22 | 1.9 |
| 3. | Assam | 19 | 0.1 | 21 | 0.1 | 199 | 0.7 |
| 4. | Bihar | 56 | 0.1 | 59 | 0.1 | 155 | 0.1 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 614 | 2.8 | 940 | 4.2 | 997 | 4.4 |
| 6. | Goa | 57 | 4.0 | 53 | 3.6 | 53 | 3.5 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 665 | 1.3 | 799 | 1.5 | 836 | 1.5 |
| 8. | Haryana | 287 | 1.3 | 164 | 0.7 | 374 | 1.6 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 109 | 1.7 | 92 | 1.5 | 131 | 2.1 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 49 | 0.5 | 35 | 0.3 | 57 | 0.5 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 35 | 0.1 | 112 | 0.4 | 97 | 0.3 |
| 12. | Karnataka | 116 | 0.2 | 189 | 0.3 | 191 | 0.3 |
| 13. | Kerala | 179 | 0.5 | 361 | 1.1 | 386 | 1.2 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 2662 | 4.2 | 3653 | 5.6 | 3721 | 5.6 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 2001 | 2.0 | 2281 | 2.2 | 2305 | 2.2 |
| 16. | Manipur | 36 | 1.5 | 31 | 1.2 | 20 | 0.8 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 46 | 1.9 | 43 | 1.8 | 81 | 3.3 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 17 | 1.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 20. | Orissa | 140 | 0.4 | 129 | 0.3 | 86 | 0.2 |
| 21. | Punjab | 184 | 0.7 | 193 | 0.8 | 211 | 0.8 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 240 | 0.4 | 403 | 0.7 | 580 | 0.9 |
| 23. | Sikkim. | 15 | 2.7 | 8 | 1.4 | 25 | 4.3 |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 177 | 0.3 | 393 | 0.6 | 288 | 0.4 |
| 25. | Tripura | 0 | 0.0 | 59 | 1.8 | 28 | 0.8 |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 1702 | 1.0 | 1921 | 1.1 | 1801 | 1.0 |
| 27. | Uttaranchal | 23 | 0.3 | 56 | 0.6 | 76 | 0.8 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 148 | 0.2 | 206 | 0.2 | 236 | 0.3 |
| | TOTAL (States): | 11058 | 1.1 | 13552 | 1.3 | 13866 | 1.3 |
| 29. | A&N Islands | 6 | 1.6 | 14 | 3.7 | 8 | 2.1 |
| 30. | Chandigarh | 40 | 4.2 | 66 | 6.8 | 57 | 5.7 |
| 31. | D & N Heveli | 1 | 0.4 | 11 | 4.6 | 5 | 2.0 |
| 32. | Daman & Diu | 61 | 3.6 | 2 | 1.2 | 5 | 2.9 |
| 33. | Delhi | 516 | 3.5 | 766 | 5.0 | 1026 | 6.5 |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | 1 | 1.6 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 35. | Pondicherry | 5 | 0.5 | 12 | 1.2 | 8 | 0.8 |
| | TOTAL (UTS): | 575 | 3.3 | 871 | 4.8 | 1109 | 5.9 |
| | TOTAL (ALL-INDIA): | 11633 | 1.1 | 14423 | 1.3 | 14975 | 1.4 |

SOURCE: Crime in lndia

NOTE: Rate of crime indicates No. of crimes per one lakh of population.